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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF USASATCOMA TECHNICAL  
SPECIFICATIONS TO NICSMA

REF: USNATO 02756, DTG 161738Z MAR 78

1. THE SPECIFICATION FOR THE HARRIS A-J CONTROL MODEM (SPEC SCA 2152-B) SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO NICSMA AT THIS TIME.
2. THE ARMY IS PREPARING TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT MODELS (EDM) OF THIS A-J MODEM. THE EDM WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF MAJOR CHANGES TO THE ADVANCE DEVELOPMENT MODEL AND ADDITIONAL CHANGES MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE PRESENT SPECIFICATION AS A RESULT OF THE INTEROPERABILITY DECISION OF JANUARY 1978.

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3. RELEASE TO NATO OF TECHNOLOGY/DESIGN INFORMATION ON ANTI-JAM SATCOM MODEMS IS THROUGH THE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP (SCWG). FOR EXAMPLE, THE US IS INVOLVED IN THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE AN/USC-28 AND THE OM-55 MODEMS IN THE SCWG.

4. BECAUSE OF EXPECTED CHANGES TO EDM, RELEASE OF

CURRENT SPECS COULD BE MISLEADING. ACCORDINGLY, WE  
ARE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE RELEASE OF TECHNICAL  
INFORMATION ON THE HARRIS MODEM IN THE SCWG UNTIL  
AFTER THE EDM MODELS HAVE BEEN FIELDDED AND TESTED,  
APPROXIMATELY 18 TO 21 MONTHS AFTER AWARD OF THE  
CONTRACT.

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